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## NOTIFICATION OF ELECTION

(PCT Rule 61.2)

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<b>International application No.</b> PCT/JP97/00544	<b>Applicant's or agent's file reference</b> SCJ-9 WO
<b>International filing date (day/month/year)</b> 26 February 1997 (26.02.97)	<b>Priority date (day/month/year)</b> 07 March 1996 (07.03.96)
<b>Applicant</b> SADO, Mitsuo	

1. The designated Office is hereby notified of its election made:

☒ in the demand filed with the International Preliminary Examining Authority on:  
22 September 1997 (22.09.97)

☐ in a notice effecting later election filed with the International Bureau on:  
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2. The election ☒ was  
☐ was not

made before the expiration of 19 months from the priority date or, where Rule 32 applies, within the time limit under Rule 32.2(b).

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## INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

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Applicant's or agent's file reference SCJ-9 WO	<b>FOR FURTHER ACTION</b> See Notification of Transmittal of International Preliminary Examination Report (PCT/IPEA/416)	
International application No. PCT/JP97/00544	International filing date (day/month/year) 26/02/1997	Priority date (day/month/year) 07/03/1996
International Patent Classification (IPC) or national classification and IPC C09D9/00		
Applicant JOHNSON COMPANY, LTD. et al.		

1. This international preliminary examination report has been prepared by this International Preliminary Examining Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.



2. This REPORT consists of a total of 7 sheets, including this cover sheet.

- ☒ This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, i.e., sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications made before this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT).

These annexes consist of a total of 0 sheets.

3. This report contains indications relating to the following items:

- I ☒ Basis of the report
- II ☐ Priority
- III ☐ Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- IV ☐ Lack of unity of invention
- V ☒ Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- VI ☐ Certain documents cited
- VII ☐ Certain defects in the international application
- VIII ☐ Certain observations on the international application

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International application No. PCT/JP97/00544

**1. Description of the report**

1. This report has been drawn on the basis of (*substitute sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to the report since they do not contain amendments.*):

**Description, pages:**

1-15 as originally filed

**Claims, No.:**

1-3 as originally filed

2. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

- ☐ the description, pages:  
☐ the claims, Nos.:  
☐ the drawings, sheets:

3. ☐ This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed (Rule 70.2(c)):

4. Additional observations, if necessary:

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### II. Priority

1. ☐ This report has been established as if no priority had been claimed due to the failure to furnish within the prescribed time limit the requested:

- ☐ copy of the earlier application whose priority has been claimed.
- ☐ translation of the earlier application whose priority has been claimed.

2. ☐ This report has been established as if no priority had been claimed due to the fact that the priority claim has been found invalid.

Thus for the purposes of this report, the international filing date indicated above is considered to be the relevant date.

3. Additional observations, if necessary:

### III. Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability

The questions whether the claimed invention appears to be novel, to involve an inventive step (to be non-obvious), or to be industrially applicable have not been examined in respect of:

- ☐ the entire international application.
- ☐ claims Nos. .

because:

- ☐ the said international application, or the said claims Nos. relate to the following subject matter which does not require an international preliminary examination (*specify*):
- ☐ the description, claims or drawings (*indicate particular elements below*) or said claims Nos. are so unclear that no meaningful opinion could be formed (*specify*):
- ☐ the claims, or said claims Nos. are so inadequately supported by the description that no meaningful opinion could be formed.
- ☐ no international search report has been established for the said claims Nos. .

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**IV. Lack of unity of invention**

1. In response to the invitation to restrict or pay additional fees the applicant has:

- ☐ restricted the claims..
- ☐ paid additional fees.
- ☐ paid additional fees under protest.
- ☐ neither restricted nor paid additional fees.

2. ☐ This Authority found that the requirement of unity of invention is not complied and chose, according to Rule 68.1, not to invite the applicant to restrict or pay additional fees.

3. This Authority considers that the requirement of unity of invention in accordance with Rules 13.1, 13.2 and 13.3 is

- ☐ complied with.
- ☐ not complied with for the following reasons:

4. Consequently, the following parts of the international application were the subject of international preliminary examination in establishing this report:

- ☐ all parts.
- ☐ the parts relating to claims Nos. .

**V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement**

**1. Statement**

Novelty (N)	Yes: Claims 1-3
	No: Claims
Inventive step (IS)	Yes: Claims 1-3
	No: Claims
Industrial applicability (IA)	Yes: Claims 1-3
	No: Claims

**2. Citations and explanations**

see separate sheet

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**VI. Certain documents cited**

1. Certain published documents (Rule 70.10)
  
2. Non-written disclosures (Rule 70.9)

**VII. Certain defects in the international application**

The following defects in the form or contents of the international application have been noted:

**VIII. Certain observations on the international application**

The following observations on the clarity of the claims, description, and drawings or on the question whether the claims are fully supported by the description, are made:

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Cited documents:

D1: DE-A-0 542 335

D2: SU-A-0 734 253

D3: US-A-5 454 985

D4: FR-A-2 213 972

1. Novelty

D1: Paint stripping composition containing only **diethylene glycol mono-n-butyl ether**.

D2: Detergent composition for removing paint from metal surfaces comprising:

- P-containing surfactant
- **triethanolamine**
- polar organic solvent
- water
- **benzyl alcohol**.

D3: Paint stripping composition comprising:

- **benzyl alcohol**,
- water,
- sodium xylene sulfonate
- accelerator consisting of acids or basis.

D4: Paint stripping composition comprising:

- a specific **alkanolamine**,
- amine different from above alkanolamine.

None of the cited documents discloses a composition comprising all components of the composition of present claim 1 namely (A) **diethylene glycol mono-n-butyl ether** or **triethylene glycol mono-n-butyl ether**, (B) **benzyl alcohol** and © an **amine compound**.

Art. 33(2) PCT.

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**2. Inventive step**

The disclosure of D1 to D4 is directed to paint stripping compositions, rather than to compositions useful in removing an aqueous polymer-type floor polish.

The composition of present claim 1 is not obvious from the prior art teaching.

The applicant has submitted evidence, that the inventive composition shows an improved cleaning performance compared to prior art compositions (Table 3).

Art. 33(3) PCT.



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INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

(PCT Article 18 and Rules 43 and 44)

Applicant's or agent's file reference <b>SCJ-9 WO</b>	<b>FOR FURTHER ACTION</b> see Notification of Transmittal of International Search Report (Form PCT/ISA/220) as well as, where applicable, item 5 below.	
International application No. <b>PCT/JP 97/ 00544</b>	International filing date (day/month/year) <b>26/02/1997</b>	(Earliest) Priority Date (day/month/year) <b>07/03/1996</b>
Applicant <b>JOHNSON COMPANY, LTD. et al.</b>		

This International Search Report has been prepared by this International Searching Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 18. A copy is being transmitted to the International Bureau.

This International Search Report consists of a total of 3 sheets.

☒ It is also accompanied by a copy of each prior art document cited in this report.

1. ☐ Certain claims were found unsearchable (see Box I).

2. ☐ Unity of invention is lacking (see Box II).

3. ☐ The international application contains disclosure of a nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listing and the international search was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing

☐ filed with the international application.

☐ furnished by the applicant separately from the international application,

☐ but not accompanied by a statement to the effect that it did not include matter going beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed.

☐ Transcribed by this Authority

4. With regard to the title, ☒ the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.

☐ the text has been established by this Authority to read as follows:

5. With regard to the abstract,

☒ the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.

☐ the text has been established, according to Rule 38.2(b), by this Authority as it appears in Box III. The applicant may, within one month from the date of mailing of this International Search Report, submit comments to this Authority.

6. The figure of the drawings to be published with the abstract is:

Figure No. --- ☐ as suggested by the applicant.

☐ because the applicant failed to suggest a figure.

☐ because this figure better characterizes the invention.

☐ None of the figures.

# INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

International Application No  
PC 1/JP 97/00544

A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER  
IPC 6 C09D9/00

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

## B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)  
IPC 6 C09D

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practical, search terms used)

## C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
A	DE 542 335 C (CARBIDE AND CARBON) 23 January 1932 see page 1, line 26 - page 2, line 44; claim 1 ---	1
A	DATABASE WPI Week 8104 Derwent Publications Ltd., London, GB; AN 05135D XP002032853 "DETERGENT REMOVE PAINT METAL SURFACE" see abstract & SU 734 253 A (GETMANSKII) 18 May 1980 ---	1
A	US 5 454 985 A (HARBIN) 3 October 1995 see column 2, line 35 - column 3, line 46; claims 1,5,6 --- -/--	1

☒ Further documents are listed in the continuation of box C.

☒ Patent family members are listed in annex.

### \* Special categories of cited documents:

- "A" document defining the general state of the art which is not considered to be of particular relevance
- "E" earlier document but published on or after the international filing date
- "L" document which may throw doubts on priority claim(s) or which is cited to establish the publication date of another citation or other special reason (as specified)
- "O" document referring to an oral disclosure, use, exhibition or other means
- "P" document published prior to the international filing date but later than the priority date claimed

- "T" later document published after the international filing date or priority date and not in conflict with the application but cited to understand the principle or theory underlying the invention
- "X" document of particular relevance; the claimed invention cannot be considered novel or cannot be considered to involve an inventive step when the document is taken alone
- "Y" document of particular relevance; the claimed invention cannot be considered to involve an inventive step when the document is combined with one or more other such documents, such combination being obvious to a person skilled in the art.
- "&" document member of the same patent family

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11 June 1997

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## C.(Continuation) DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
A	<p>FR 2 213 972 A (CONTINENTALE PARKER) 9  August 1974  see page 2, line 30 - page 9, line 23;  claim 1</p> <p>-----</p>	1

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Information on patent family members

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Patent document cited in search report	Publication date	Patent family member(s)	Publication date
DE 542335 C		NONE	
US 5454985 A	03-10-95	NONE	
FR 2213972 A	09-08-74	BE 809476 A DE 2400976 A US 3972839 A	02-05-74 25-07-74 03-08-76